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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE WITH SPOT-SIZE  
CONVERTER AND METHOD FOR FABRICATING THE  
SAME

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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May 8, 2002

Sir:

This is in Reply to the Office Action mailed February 21, 2002.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 12-15 drawn to a distinct invention without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Please amend the claims as follows: